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REF A. NPIC MSG 5563, DTG302126Z, JAN 69

REF B. NPIC MSG 5547, DTG282249Z, SER:F01073 JAN 69

CONTINUING SCAN BY NPIC OF BUMPY ACTION MISSION Q252 OF 11
JANUARY 1969 REVEALS ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENT ON BOTH ENDS OF THE
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF A) PROBABLE POL PIPELINE IN THE LAOS
PANHANDLE. A SHORT SEGMENT OF PROBABLE PIPELINE NORTH OF THE
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SEGMENT IS OBSERVED ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE
SE BANG FAI (RIVER) FROM 172905N 1053922E (UTM WE696331) NORTH
TO 172939N 1053937E (WE700342). A LONGER SEGMENT OF PROBABLE
PIPELINE, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS A PROBABLE OPEN-WIRE TELECOMM-
UNICATION TRACE (REF B), IS OBSERVED EXTENDING ENE FROM 17-31-
41N 105-40-50E (WE721381) TO A CROSSING OF ROUTE 23 AT 17-32-49N
105-44-08E (WE 780401) AND THEN TO 17-32-06N 105-47-33E (WE841387)

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WHERE IT DISAPPEARS UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY. THE LATTER POINT
ON THE PROBABLE PIPELINE IS 8 NM SSE OF THE JUNCTION OF LAOS
ROUTE 12 AND NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 15 AT THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM
BORDER.

ANOTHER SHORT SEGMENT OF PROBABLE PIPELINE IS OBSERVED
SOUTH OF THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PROBABLE POL PIPELINE (REF A)
AND EXTENDS FROM 17-24-30N 105-40-59E
(WE725247) SE TO ITS VISABLE TERMINUS AT 17-24-08N 105-41-19E
(WE 731240).

THIS ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENT INCREASES THE TOTAL OBSERVED POL
PIPELINE IN LAOS TO APPROXIMATELY 12 NM.
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